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# Public Notice

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Comments Due: April 09, 2004

In reply, please refer to the Public Notice Number

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**APPLICANT:** California Department of Transportation  
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**LOCATION:** The proposed Cayton Creek, State Route (SR) 89 Rehabilitation project, is located along SR 89 from just North of Burney in Shasta County to 0.1 mile into Siskiyou County, California. For a more accurate project location, see the attached map.

**PURPOSE:** The California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) proposes to widen and improve this portion of SR 89. Due to the higher than average accident occurrences the project is necessary to increase the level of safety for vehicles traveling along this portion of SR 89.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project will consist of the widening of the roadway surface to 40 feet in order to provide two 12 foot traffic lanes with 8 foot shoulders along 13 miles of roadway. The project also proposes to replace the existing Cayton Creek Bridge, the construction of a truck hill climbing lane, a turn lane at Dana/McArther Road, and a clear recovery zone along the entire stretch of roadway. The widening of the roadway will necessitate the modification and extension of numerous existing cross drainages.

**AREA DESCRIPTION:** The project area is located where the High Cascade Range meets the Modoc Plateau. Elevations in the project area range from 2900 to 4300 feet. The area is dominated by oak woodland, montane wet meadow, and Ponderosa Pine forest. The lands are primarily managed for timber and livestock grazing. CalTrans has submitted a delineation of waters of the United States that has yet to be verified. This delineation identifies approximately 26.5 acres of waters of the United States, including wetlands, within the study limits. Based on CalTrans estimates the project will result in permanent impacts to 2.8 ac. of wetlands and 0.07 ac of open water, temporary impacts to 2.3 ac. of wetlands, and indirect affects to 4.1 ac of wetlands.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** CalTrans conducted an inventory of archaeological resources within the Area of Potential Effect (APE). Contained within the APE were six historic and four prehistoric archaeological sites. The lead Federal Agency for the project is the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA). As the lead agency, FHWA coordinated with California's

State Historic Preservation Office for sites within the APE that are listed or potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Presently unknown cultural resources may be located in the permit area.

The following endangered species are present in the permit area: Northern Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) and bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*). As the lead agency the FHWA has initiated consultation under Sec 7 of the Endangered Species Act, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for potential impacts to the listed species.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on or before **April 9, 2004**. Personal information in comment letters is subject to release to the public through the Freedom of Information Act. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

If additional information is required, please contact California Department of Transportation Karen McWilliams, telephone 916-274-0601, or Mr. Matthew Kelley, at the letterhead address, telephone 530-223-9534.

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